ധനകാര്യവും റവന്യൂവും വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി (ശ്രീ. എ. ജെ. ജോൺ:)

(എ) പുത്തൻചിറയിൽ ഡിസ്പെൻസറി അനുവദിക്കുകയും പൊതു ജനസംഭാവന സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്, കെട്ടിടം പണിയുന്നതിനു ടെണ്ടർ വിളിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

(ബി) ഡിസ്പെൻസറി അനുവദിച്ചുത്തരവായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(സി) മുനു, ഉഴവൂർ, ആലച്ചക്കോണം, പുന്നൂറ, അയ്യർ, ആനുവാമൊഴി കുന്നമ്മാവു്, പാറക്കടവു്, എഴുപുന്ന, കടപ്പാമറം, ഗണപതിപുരം, കടമ്പനാട്, പല്ലുവിള, ഏറുമാന്തുർ, കടയിരിപ്പു്, മയ്യനാട് എന്നീ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ.

## PADDY ALLOTIED TO AGRICULTURISTS

*187. [58] **Sri. Eapen Arakal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Food be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of paddy allotted to the agriculturists in Kuttanad and Nanjinad per acre of paddy land for cultivation expenses at present;

(*b*) what is the quantity of paddy allotted for cultivation expenses to the agriculturists in the erstwhile Cochin area;

(*c*) has there been any enhancement in the quota for cultivation expenses given to the agriculturists in Kuttanad or Nanjinad if so, when;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative why was this enhancement allowed; and

(*e*) is it true that this quota for cultivation expenses is fixed at a maximum of 20 paras of paddy per acre in the erstwhile Cochin District while in the erstwhile Travancore area this maximum is fixed at 30 paras per acre?

*Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies* (**Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon**): (*a*) The allowance for seed and cultivation expenses given to the cultivators of Kuttanad area is:

(1) Kayal lands—30 paras per acre.
(2) Punja lands—27 do.
(3) Virippu up to 20 paras.

The allowance to cultivators in the Nanjinad area is:—

(1) Punja lands—27 paras per acre.
(2) Virippulands—up to 20 paras.

(*b*) Up to 20 paras per acre per crop according to local conditions.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) The allowance for seed and cultivation expenses has been fixed at a maximum of 20 paras of paddy per acre per crop throughout Travancore-Cochin. But in regard to Punja cultivation in the Travancore Division the old rates (30 paras per Kayal lands and 27 paras for Punja lands) have been allowed to continue until further notice.

## PRICES OF FOOD STUFFS

*188. [59] **Sri. Eapen Arakal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Food be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(*a*) do the Government know that dealers and merchants continue to increase the prices of food stuffs and other similar articles necessary for daily consumption thereby causing indescribable difficulties to the public; and

(*b*) have the Government in view any plan to effectively check and control such wanton enhancement in the prices?

*Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies* (**Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon**): (*a*) The price of most food stuffs is already under control. There has of late been rise in the price of other articles.

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